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Thank you for the 03/04/2004 Office action (Paper No. 9) for the patent application of reference. In reply to Paper No. 9, please reconsider and further examine the present application, and amend the present specification as set forth herein.

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS begin on the following sheet.

Claims 1-3 and 9-25 remain present. Since twenty total including three independent with zero multiply dependent claims remain, and this correspondence is timely filed under 37 CFR 1.8 in the shortened statutory period for response, no fee is due.

The present amendment more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention, and is fully supported by underlying written and pictorial parts of the specification. Particular and inherent support can be found, for example, in FIGS. 9, 25 and 27-33, taken in view of the written description including at page 9, lines 19-22. No new matter is added hereby.

Submitted herewith as part of the present correspondence as certified above is a Third 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration.

Please, as had been requested in the "AF" Amendment filed on October 16, 2003, act upon the fresh Form PTO-1449 substitute as had been filed on April 21, 2003. No such acted-upon form accompanied Paper No. 9. A copy of that form is submitted herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Paper No. 9 was accompanied by a duplicate Form PTO-892 and Francovitch patent. These duplicate papers are returned herewith for the official file.

FURTHER REMARKS follow the CLAIMS AMENDMENTS.